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**ILLEGAL ALIEN SENTENCED**

**CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE:** United States Attorney Tom Colantuono announced that Alberto Luis Pino-Zea, a resident of New York City, appeared in United States District Court today and was sentenced to 2 years in prison. In December of last year, Pino-Zea pled guilty to one count of Illegally Entering the United States of America, having been previously deported, in violation of 8 U.S.C.A. §1326.

The defendant was indicted in October, 2002, after being arrested with two other individuals by the North Conway Police Department for shoplifting. U.S. Border Patrol agents responded after receiving information from the North Conway Police that the defendant was in the United States illegally. Documents maintained by the Immigration and Naturalization Service confirmed that the Pino- Zea had been previously convicted of Transportation of Stolen Goods and deported from New York on October 17, 1997.

U. S. Attorney Colantuono stated: "Cases involving individuals who enter this country illegally remain a high priority of the United States Attorney's Office because we need to maintain the integrity of our borders." Attorney Colantuono praised the North Conway Police Department, the Border Patrol Agents of Beecher Falls, Vermont, and local agents of the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service for their efficient and collaborative investigation of this matter.

This case was handled by Assistant U. S. Attorney Helen Fitzgibbon.